

# D.A. PROBES LOCAL POLICE BAIL SYSTEM

## Bail Money Found Missing

A full investigation of the Torrance Police department's bail collecting system has been ordered, according to Dep. Dist. Atty. William B. Keene.

Keene called the system "deplorable and haphazard," indicating that the probe will be conducted by the County Bureau of Investigation.

This action follows as the result of a hearing held last week by South Bay Municipal Court Judge Otto B. Willett.

Eugene Alicino, of Los Angeles, testified that he paid \$91 to Torrance Warrant Officer Jack Gee on a traffic warrant, but was later ar-

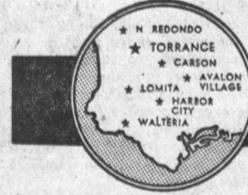
rested because the bail money was allegedly never turned in.

Judge Willett said the court had no record of payment although Gee admitted receiving the bail money.

### Receipt Missing

Gee testified that he turned the money over to the Torrance Police department. A thorough search failed to locate the missing receipt or the money.

Other instances where traffic violators allegedly paid bail to Gee although no receipt of payment could be found when violators appeared (Turn to Page 7)



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## State Committee Investigates Lomita Incorporation Issue



STATE COMMITTEE

State assemblymen heard testimony Monday regarding incorporation, annexation, and status quo troubles in Lomita.—Press Photo

Glaring flaws in present annexation and incorporation proceedings were brought to light and improvements recommended as a State investigating committee listened to spokesmen of various factions in the present Lomita controversy Monday.

Problems encountered in Lomita are typical of problems resulting all over the State because of inadequate laws on the subject, it was pointed out.

Testimony heard will be used for improving these laws. There was general agreement among all factions that a clarification of present laws is needed.

The hearing was called by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who sat on the committee together with Assemblymen Frank Bonelli of Huntington Beach, Seth Johnson of Los Angeles, and Harold Levering of Santa Monica.

The assemblymen represent the committees on municipal and county government; governmental efficiency and economy; and revenue and tax.

### Recommendations

L. E. Ross, speaking on behalf of the Lomita Civic League, which is opposed to annexation or incorporation, recommended a number of changes in the present law.

1. Extension of the 50-day protection period to 80 days when a notice of intention to circulate a petition for incorporation is filed.

2. No second incorporation attempt to be permitted and no notice of intention to circulate petition for incorporation be allowed for three years if proponents of incorporation cannot get all the necessary signatures the first time. Signatures (the required 25 per cent) should represent individuals owning 25 per cent of the assessed value of the land.

3. If an election is held and incorporation is defeated, no further election should be permitted for three years.

Purpose of these changes, Ross explained, is to prevent constant harassment of the community by repeated filings and campaigns, as is the case presently.

Ross made the following ad: (Turn to Page 7)

## PRESS AD DOES IT AGAIN...

Dreaming won't make it go, but the Torrance Press will. Mary T. Gooding of 1787 Calamar ave. never dreamed she would have such wonderful results—but she did.

She further indicated that every parent, guardian, or other person having legal care of youngsters under the age of 18 years will face a fine up to \$500 or imprisonment or both.

CARPENTERS wanted for part time work. Tools supplied. FA. 8-2250

"I had carpenters calling from all around this area," she said happily.

Ads are inexpensive. Results are swift. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. If you pay cash at time ad is placed, there is a 30 cents discount.

## Curfew Warning Issued By Cook

Youngsters violating the 10 p.m. curfew will be picked up and taken into court, Lt. D. C. Cook, of the juvenile bureau of the Torrance Police department said this week.

He further indicated that every parent, guardian, or other person having legal care of youngsters under the age of 18 years will face a fine up to \$500 or imprisonment or both.

## Robbery, Kidnaping Admitted

Two suspects—a young blonde and her boy friend—admitted the \$2000 kidnap-holdup of an oil company employe two months ago while a third suspect admitted master-minding the job.

Booked on suspicion of armed robbery and kidnaping were Patricia Andrade, 22, and Martin Bonina, 22, both of 1613 W. 204th st., according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton. Booked on suspicion of grand theft and armed robbery was Coy Lee Hall, 24, of the same address.

The three admitted the hold-up of Andy Russo, who was accosted by the couple as he drove into a parking lot at the rear of the California bank December 21.

Hall, according to Ashton, was a former employe of Russo's. The trio was traced through fingerprints left in Russo's pick-up truck which they stole and later abandoned.

Hall and Walter Eugene Bell, 19, of 911 Amapola, are being held on suspicion of grand theft and two armed robberies in Gardena and Redondo.

## Local Airport Development Called Safe

Proposed development of the Torrance Municipal airport will not endanger nearby residences or the South High school, Councilman Willys Blount indicated Tuesday.

Blount made the statement at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast at which time plans for the development of the airport were discussed.

Recalling the Pacoima disaster, Blount declared: "We will have schools and we will have airplanes, too. The (Pacoima) accident occurred at 30,000 feet—outside any flight pattern. We won't accommodate the type of aircraft here which figured in the Pacoima incident. This field will not be used for testing aircraft. Even in case of a complete engine failure on take off, South High school will be removed from any danger since it is outside the flight pattern."

Dave Hamilton, of Quinton Engineers who have drafted a master plan for the development of the airport, indicated that the present single runway is a matter for concern.

A second runway, as planned, will relieve the heavy one-runway traffic, he said.

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## Council Demands Fence Along Dominguez Channel

Los Angeles county came in for a double-barreled blast by Torrance Tuesday night.

Cited were the menace presented by an unfenced Dominguez channel and the lack of adequate library development in this area.

Mayor Albert Isen called attention to the unguarded nature and danger of the Dominguez channel when filled with water.

"Let's get the county to fence it," he demanded. "Mr. Drake and I have been asking for this for the last eight years," Councilman Willys Blount declared, sharing these sentiments.

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## HARVEY GETS NAVY CONTRACT

The Navy announced today that the Harvey Machine co. has received a contract for approximately \$1,600,000 for 20 MM projectiles.

The contract covers both armor piercing tracer (APT) and armor piercing incendiary (API) projectiles. They are of new design and are used in the latest model 20 MM aircraft guns. The 20 MM is the primary gun on all naval aircraft.

The award was made to the low bidder as a result of formal advertising.

Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, USN, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, stated that the 20 MM APT projectile is designed for armor penetration as well as tracing.

## Eleven Receive Pasteur Shots

Eleven individuals, seven of them children, are receiving painful and expensive Pasteur treatment because they had contact with a rabid dog owned by J. E. Melugin, 3028 Winlock rd.

The black and white mixed cocker took ill February 3, and died February 7. The dog had not been vaccinated against rabies.

Five members of the family are receiving Pasteur treatment and so are six neighbors.

Public clinics for vaccinating dogs against rabies will be set up in this area between March 15 and April 1. All dogs, according to the city manager's office, must be vaccinated against rabies according to Torrance law.

## Three Trips To Las Vegas Offered By Merchants

Three couples will have a chance to spend three nights and two days in Las Vegas, as part of the Dollar Day promotional activities sponsored by the Retail Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The couples will fly to Las Vegas through the courtesy of Western Airlines.

Entry blanks may be obtained from participating merchants, who represent the leading stores in town.

The Dollar Day week-end will be held February 21-23, and winners will be announced Saturday, February 23.

There are no other requirements for participating except to fill out one of the blanks.

## Know Your Gold Seal Merchants

Gold Seal Merchants who are outstanding leaders in their particular fields have been selected for their integrity and honesty and are especially pledged to uphold the highest code of business ethics.

Displayed in their window will be a Gold Seal which is the symbol of satisfaction when shopping.



J. K. BURCHFIELD, his wife, ADEL, part owners of BURCHFIELD'S CARPET WORKS, 1971 Torrance blvd., have been in the carpet business in Torrance since 1943. Their son, THOMAS, manages the business which serves the entire South Bay area. They specialize in expert rug and upholstery cleaning and repairing, carpet laying, cutting and sewing. The senior Burchfield's live at 2030 Martina, and their son lives with his wife, Elizabeth, at 1645 W. 207th st. Both Burchfield and his son are members of the Rug Cleaners Institute of Southern California, the National Rug Cleaners Institute and the Elks club in Torrance.



BILL'S HARBOR SERVICE station, 1666 W. Carson st., is open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, and has been ably owner and managed by FRED WILLINGHAM, for the past two years. His prompt and courteous service has helped to make his business one of the more respected and reliable service stations in the area. He features a high quality line of gas and oil, expert lubrication, and general servicing. Patrons can also benefit from his excellent pickup and delivery service. Fred and his wife, Isabel, live in Wilmington.



### HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

J. D. Spalding presents notice of the National Supply co.'s \$17,000 pledge to Sam Levy, general chairman of the Fund Raising campaign, as Fred Mill of National looks on approvingly.

## National Supply Pledges \$17,000 for New Hospital

The National Supply co. today pledged \$17,000 to the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign. The pledge was presented by J. D. Spalding, Works manager of the Torrance plant, to Sam Levy, general chairman of the Fund Raising campaign. In making the presentation Spalding said:

"The Torrance plant of the

National Supply co., having had its beginning in 1912 with the founding of the city of Torrance, has always identified itself with civic developments which contribute to the well being of its employes. Two years ago we made a substantial contribution to the Torrance Memorial hospital, and it gives

me pleasure now to announce a pledge of \$17,000 to the new hospital to be built by the Little Company of Mary. Torrance is most fortunate in being favored as the community selected for this hospital."

Levy praised the gift as "another outstanding contribution"

to the future of Torrance and the South Bay area.

"This is a fine gift for the new hospital," he said, "but it goes even further. It is a far sighted contribution to the health and security of our people, and thus becomes a contribution for the future development of our community."

## Horlander Honored By Junior CofC

Douglas J. (Dutch) Horlander, active community leader, was honored at a dinner meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce last week when he was presented with the distinguished service award.

This award is presented annually to the outstanding young man of the year.

A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, singled out a number of major contributions which Horlander has made to this community.

Thompson said that Horlander was perhaps best known as commanding officer of the California National Guard, 132nd Armored Engineer battalion, Company E (Torrance).

As such, he was instrumental in organizing "Operation Dominguez" a large-scale local civil defense test; providing an airlift of food and clothing for flooded northern areas of the state; and organizing rescue crews during Torrance's own flood.

He served as general chairman of the civic center festivities and of the All-America City activities.

"With the exception of finding my wife, this is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me," Horlander said, in accepting the award.



### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Douglas J. (Dutch) Horlander (seated) received the distinguished service award presented annually by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce to the outstanding young man of the year. Making the presentation was A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, president of the senior Chamber of Commerce. Seen with them is Dale Stanton (r) president of the Jaycees.—Press Photo